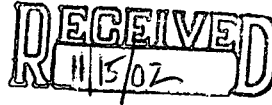




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File No. 01121-0001

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**Re: American Metaseal Company/New Jersey State Firemen's Association/
Request for Information Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental
Response, Compensation and Liability Act/ Berry's Creek Study Area,
Bergen County, New Jersey.**

Dear Ms. Conetta:

As Associate Counsel for the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, your letter of October 15, 2002 in regard to the above matter has been referred to me for reply. Please be advised that the New Jersey State Firemen's Association is not the registered agent for American Metaseal Company. The State Firemen's Association is erroneously carried on the records of the New Jersey Secretary of State's office as the registered agent for numerous New Jersey corporations. However, the New Jersey State Firemen's Association was created by statute, N.J.S.A. 43:17-40 et seq., to administer death benefits for the families of deceased paid, part-paid and volunteer firemen in New Jersey, and also administer relief benefits for firemen and their families. It is not the registered agent for any New Jersey corporation, including American Metaseal Company.

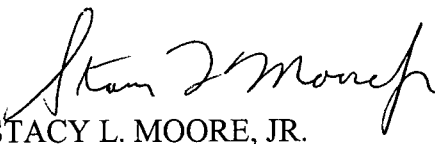
The State Firemen's Association has attempted to correct this error in the New Jersey Secretary of State's office. Please see a copy of previous correspondence to the Secretary of State, attached.

Accordingly, if you are seeking to serve American Metaseal Company by way of its registered agent, you will have to do so in some other manner. The State Firemen's Association has no knowledge of any such company.



If you have any questions please call me.

Very truly yours,



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October 11, 2002

File No. 01121-0001

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Re: New Jersey State Firemen's Association – Designation as Registered Agent In the Corporate Records of the Secretary of State

Dear Ms. Thomas:

Please be advised that I represent the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, an organization created by state statute, N.J.S.A. 43:17-40 et seq., which is the parent organization for 537 local firemen's relief associations operating under N.J.S.A. 43:17-1 et seq. This organization collects assessments from out-of-state insurance companies selling homeowner's coverage in New Jersey, administers those funds and distributes death benefits to the families of deceased, qualified firemen and relief benefits to eligible paid, part paid and volunteer firemen in the State of New Jersey.

The State Firemen's Association has received numerous Summons and Complaints in litigation against New Jersey corporations. The Summons and Complaints are served upon the State Firemen's Association as the "Registered Agent" for those corporations. A recent example is enclosed, and there have been several other cases in the past year.

The State Firemen's Association is not the "Registered Agent" for any corporation of the State of New Jersey. The Secretary of State's office apparently has a computer glitch and, in certain cases, sends out the name and address of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association when a litigant requests the name of the corporation's Registered Agent. The State Firemen's Association must then advise the litigant of the error in your records. Accordingly, would you kindly search your computer records and delete the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, at its address 50 Evergreen Place, East Orange, New Jersey 07018-2144, from any designation of the State Firemen's Association as a "Registered Agent" for any corporation in New Jersey.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions please call me.

Very truly yours,

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